GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1199
ANSWERED ON:31.07.2000
BUNGLING OF FUNDS IN TENDU LEAVES
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Tendu Patta Shakh catran ke naam par prativarsh lakhon ka choona` appearing in Punjab Kesari, dated June 21, 2000:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Forests and Tendu leaves committee defrauded the Government of lakhs of rupees every year in the name of pruning of extra branches of Tendu leave trees in the State;

(d) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry into the veracity of facts in the State in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A news-item appeared in Punjab Kesari dated 21st June, 2000

(c), (d) & (e) Collection of Tendu leaves is done and supervised by State Governments. An inquiry is being conducted through Conservator of Forests, Shivpuri which is yet to be completed.